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SUBJECT: Personnel Security Clearances in Industry

It has come to my attention that some DoD organizations are denying contractor employees access to Defense facilities and classified information because the employees have a personnel security clearance based on an investigation that is beyond the renewal date. Budget issues within the Department suspended industry clearances processing for several weeks. Due to the suspension, many of the Periodic Reinvestigations (PRs) were not submitted on time. As a result, many periodic reinvestigations are overdue.

Personnel security clearances do not "expire." Contractor security clearance and investigation data can be confirmed by querying the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS). Contractor employees are eligible for access to classified information if current eligibility is indicated in JPAS.

Please ensure that this memorandum receives widest dissemination.

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